MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) The water from Olakaruviyar does not flow along Alathurayar.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Students from the Backward Communities in the University College.

223. ✻ MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of students from among each of the Backward Communities in the University College this year ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : A statement containing the information required is laid on the Secretary's table.

Lift Irrigation Scheme in North Travancore.

224. ✻ MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*) : With reference to the Lift Irrigation Scheme in North Travancore, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total extent in acres ;
(*b*) the cost for cultivation of one acre ; and
(*c*) the yield from one acre ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) 980 acres.

(*b*) Average cost to Government Rs. 23½ per acre.
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(*c*) Average yield 51·3 *paras* per acre.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*) : With reference to part (b) of the answer may I know the nature of the expenditure the Government have to meet ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The electrical line has to be extended and also we have to carry out certain civil works.

Rice Mills.

225. ✻ MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, after the abolition of the rice mills in the State, they have any scheme to purchase the machines ;

(*b*) if so, how many were thus purchased till now ;

(*c*) the total cost involved on the same ; and

(*d*) whether they have decided as to what they should do with regard to the machines so purchased ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) *to* (*c*) In connection with the prohibition of the milling of rice Government had announced that they were prepared to buy the mills that ceased operation if the owners were willing to part with them at a reasonable valuation. Offers were accordingly received from certain mill owners and their mills were inspected and valued. Two mills have already been purchased. Arrangements have been made for the payment of the amounts due to the other mill owners

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according to the valuation made by Government, provided the valuation is acceptable to the owners concerned and the engine is useful for the purposes for which the purchase is made. The member is referred to the *Press Communique dated the 13th February 1943 and the *Press Note dated the 1st July 1943 on the subject, placed on the table.

(*d*) A scheme for the utilisation of the machines is under consideration.

Lemon Grass Oil.

226 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any information as to the use made of the lemon grass oil that is exported from the State

(*b*) if so, what is its use; and

(*c*) whether the lemon grass oil may be used for any purpose within the State?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is used in the manufacture of synthetic perfume of violets.

(*c*) It can be used in small quantities in soap manufacture.

Vide Appendix I & I A.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 225.**

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

It has been represented to the Government that the closure of the rice mills in pursuance of Notification R. O. C. No. 2477/42/C. F. S., dated the 1st February 1943, will work hardship on the people on account of the lack of trained labour to turn out as much work as the machines and the consequent shortage of rice production in the present situation. Government do not anticipate such hardships; but, on the contrary, expect that the scheme will serve to relieve unemployment to an appreciable extent in addition to bringing about many other advantages. If the proprietors of rice mills feel that the closure of the mills will result in loss to them consequent on the machines having to lie idle, Government are prepared to buy up all the machines and appurtenances at a valuation. Intending sellers of such machinery and appurtenances should apply to Government not later than the 28th February 1943. It may be borne in mind that the resumption of the work of the rice mills as such in future is not at all likely.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 13th Feb. 1943.

(Sd.) G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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Appendix I A.

Vide Answer to Question No. 225.

PRESS NOTE.

In connection with the prohibition of the milling of rice, Government had announced that they were prepared to buy the mills that ceased operation, if the owners were willing to part with them at a reasonable valuation. Offers have accordingly been received from certain mill-owners, and Government are conducting the preliminaries prior to carrying out the policy of purchase already announced. Most of the engines have been inspected and valuation statements have been received. Final orders will be issued with the utmost expedition.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 1st July 1943.

(Sd.) L. G. PEREIRA,
Asst. Secretary to Government

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT : I have to announce the results of the elections held yesterday.

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. M. L Janardana Pillai and P. Narayana Pillai who got the largest number of votes are declared elected to the Standing Finance Committee.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Messrs. E. E. Pandarathil and C. M. Joseph who got the largest number of votes are declared elected to the Public Accounts Committee.

P. W. D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Messrs. M. Bhaskaran Nair, M. Sivabhanu Pillai and M. Ramiah Pillai who got the largest number of votes are declared elected. For the fourth place there was a tie among Messrs. Dominic Joseph, S. Narayana Pillai, P. C. Adichan and K. R. Narayanan. On lot being cast, Mr. S. Narayana Pillai came out successful and he is therefore declared elected to the fourth place in the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

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